

# Weston Collegiate Alumni News

## 2011 President's Message

Once again, a belated Happy New Year to all Alumnae and Alumni of Weston Collegiate Institute.

2010 proved to be a very good year for your Alumni Foundation with donations up and a new position added to the Alumni Executive Committee.

First, I would like to congratulate **Shagana Uthayakumar** for being the very first student to sit as a Member-at-Large on the Alumni Executive Committee. This position was created so the Executive could have valuable insight from the student body. Shagana has been actively involved now in taking the Foundation's message to her fellow students.

In the 2001 Alumni Newsletter, we reported that **Sir James Lougheed**, the grandfather of **Peter Lougheed** (former Premier of Alberta) attended Weston High School in the 1870s and, so far as can be reasonably determined, he is the only Weston Collegiate alumnus ever to be knighted by a British Monarch. Also, until recently, Sir James Lougheed was the only alumnus to be appointed to the Canadian Senate. In December 2010, a second Weston Collegiate alumnus was appointed to the Senate, namely **Rev. Don Meredith**. A brief biographical sketch of Jamaican-born Don Meredith appears on Page 6 of this Newsletter. He is the first Jamaican and the fourth black to be appointed to the Canadian Senate.

In keeping with our School's tradition of excellence, WCI hosted Ontario Premier, Dalton McGuinty and President Obama's Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, on September 20, 2010. Secretary Duncan, who was born and lives in Chicago, was very interested to learn that **Bob Pulford**, former coach, general manager and Vice President of the defending Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Black Hawks, is an alumnus of Weston Collegiate. WCI was selected from a list of several Toronto High Schools for the honour of hosting Messrs. McGuinty and Duncan.

And now for more good news.... At the Executive Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 14, 2010, it was decided that we should organize a Reunion on a Saturday in 2012 for the School's 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and every five years thereafter. The suggested format is a wine and cheese party in the School's cafeteria similar to the 145<sup>th</sup> Reunion of October 2002. Once the date has been established, it will be posted on the Foundation's website ([www.westonalumni.com](http://www.westonalumni.com)). Since 1982, all School Reunions have been staged in October and most have avoided the Thanksgiving Day long weekend.

I hope to meet many of you at the 2012 Reunion.

Sincerely

Peter W. Fritsch  
President  
Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation

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## Editor's Notes

This year's Alumni Newsletter is the eighteenth produced to date. The first four Newsletters were published in December 1993, December 1994, December 1995 and December 1996. No Newsletter was published in 1997 – probably because volunteers were exhausted from working on the 140<sup>th</sup> Reunion of October 1997. Since that reunion, the Newsletter has been published every June starting in June 1998 until the current one in June 2011.

The first issue of the Newsletter was a modest four-page effort that was photocopied at the York Board of Education Offices and was free hoping that voluntary donations from alumnae/alumni might at least cover the mailing costs. Unfortunately, voluntary donations did not cover mailing costs during the first three years and effective December 1996, the Newsletter was only mailed to persons that had purchased a five year subscription for \$10 or lifetime subscription for \$25.

By June 2003, the Newsletter had become a serious financial burden and effective June 2004, the Foundation stopped selling subscriptions and posted the Newsletter on its website, [www.westonalumni.com](http://www.westonalumni.com), for the first time. Alumni who had purchased five-year subscriptions continued to receive the Newsletter annually until their subscription lapsed. Many persons who had purchased life-time subscriptions elected to continue receiving "hard copies", and several have agreed to view the Newsletter by visiting our website.

## TRIBUTES

### David Eadie C.M. (1924-2011)

*By Orlando Martini*

After graduating from WCVS in 1942, David Eadie attempted to join the RCAF but was rejected due to an ear condition. Having seen the first (plywood) Mosquito Bomber fly over Weston in 1941, David Eadie was motivated to join DeHavilland Aircraft where he remained until 1945, working on the assembly of Mosquito wings, while gaining valuable wood-working experience. When DeHavilland halted production of the Mosquito bomber after World War II, David Eadie established a successful specialty wood-working shop on Jane Street, just north of Church Street where he made industrial parts and toys. The shop was subsequently moved to the Weston Road/Oak Street area and ultimately, to a Kleinburg farm on Highway 27 just north of the Kirby sideroad where Mr. & Mrs. Eadie resided until 2008 when they moved to Perth and then Ottawa to be close to their daughter, Marilyn, their caregiver.

In 1954, the United Church accepted David Eadie for training as a technical missionary at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto and in 1955 the family was sent to central India where Mr. Eadie directed construction of a sawmill and associated machine shop. The Eadies remained in India for approximately 15 years working on various projects, training locals, etc. including the establishment of several ground water wells following a severe drought in the mid 1960s.

After returning from India in 1970, David Eadie traveled extensively in Africa (1970 & 1971) for the Ottawa based Canadian Hunger Foundation.

With the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) the Eadies worked on a variety of projects in Indonesia (1972-1976) including sawmills, machine shops, a crocodile farm for a belly-leather tannery and a plant to build ferro-cement boats for local fishermen. From 1977 until 1981 David Eadie worked in Labrador as an economic development officer studying the area's hydroelectric power potential and in January 1982 he accepted a United Nations' assignment in Rangoon, Burma (now Myanmar) working for that country's Ministry of Cooperatives. During his five years in Burma, David Eadie directed the constructions of food storage facilities, saw mills, and machine shops, and trained locals in their operation and maintenance. He then retired (first time), returned to Canada at the end of 1986 and spent the next 18 months building his Kleinburg home on the farm he had purchased in 1951. Once the house was completed in 1988, David Eadie returned to "active duty" as a technical advisor and spent about 10 years working on many projects in the Philippines and South America (Columbia, Peru, etc.) for the Canadian Executive Services Organization (CESO). He retired early in 2002 and returned to his Kleinburg home, where he kept busy building furniture, wood sculpting, etc.

The Eadies had two married daughters and four grandchildren. Their older daughter, Marilyn, was born in Weston and graduated from Carleton University with a degree in anthropology. Their younger daughter, Barbara, was born in India and is a graduate mechanical engineer who lives in Bolton, Ontario.

On August 31st, 2002, David Eadie received the Order of Canada from Governor General Adrienne Clarkson for a lifetime of selfless dedication in assisting people in Third World countries. We say "well done thou good and faithful servant". Weston Collegiate Institute (WCVS in your day) is immensely proud of your many accomplishments and considers you one of our most distinguished alumni. David Eadie passed away in Ottawa on March 4, 2011 in his 87<sup>th</sup> year.

**Dr. Frederic R. Branscombe (1914-2010)**

*By Douglas Musselwhite  
Bill Sinclair & Daniel Mariage*

Fred Branscombe, a popular History and English teacher at Weston in the 40's, 50's & 60's, passed away on July 13, 2010 at the age of 96.

After graduating from University College with a BA in 1937, Fred later obtained a Masters and a Ph.D. He joined the Canadian Army in 1942, remaining in the Militia after the War and rising to the rank of Major.

Before coming to Weston in the late 40's, Fred taught at high schools in Hornepayne, Plattsville and Grimsby. He remained at Weston until 1964 when he became Coordinator of Educational Media Resources for the North York Board of Education, serving until his retirement in 1974.

Fred was an author, a lawn bowler, an active Mason and a life Deacon at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. A memorial service for him was held at that church on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Fred left his wife of 64 years, Dorothy, and twin daughters. Our sympathy is extended to his family and many friends.

Fred was a superior teacher. He loved his students and enjoyed regaling them with stories of his "all expense paid tour of Europe." Fred told of a life lesson he learned in the army when at "the exalted rank of private", the sergeant asked for a volunteer who knew shorthand and the naive recruit was sent to peel potatoes in the "shorthanded" kitchen. He also enjoyed squiring young students around the Fort York Armories where he commanded the Queen's York Rangers (4<sup>th</sup> Armoured) a loyalist regiment of which he was justly proud.

Fred's love of life, his gentle sense of humour, his enthusiasm for his students and service to his community are his legacy to all who knew him.

*From a grateful student. (Circa 1958-1961)*

My history periods at Weston Collegiate had the morning sunlight washing our classroom and silhouetting Mr. Branscombe. His colourful enthusiasm to convey history's influence and secrets would cause him to salivate and the light would capture this exuberance. Ridiculed, as students will, he was nicknamed "Spitting Freddy".

I saw him as a fascinating raconteur of the past, interpreting with logic. It was his approach of tutoring that altered aspects of my life as did my own father's views to thinking outside the box. He pierced through my anti-scholastic skin and resistance to anything pedantic. He was instrumental in releasing me from the grip of the left brain teaching methods which I instinctively rebelled against. He reawakened my European past and gave me a greater curiosity and passion for history. Although I pursued art instead of political science or social endeavors, he shaped much of my views of life and how I would reason and create.

He was the kind of teacher who did not fill my mind but opened it.

I miss your kind Dr. Frederic R. Branscombe.

## SOME DISTINGUISHED WCI / WCVS ALUMNI

*By A.J. Bauer<sup>1</sup> & Orlando Martini*

### Robert W. Bradford CM

Robert Bradford grew up in the Fairbanks district of the former York Township (area north of the Eglinton Avenue/Dufferin Street) and attended Briar Hill Public School during the “Hungry Thirties”. He enrolled in the Technical Program at WCVS in September 1938 and remained at school until 1940 when financial hardships on the home front caused him to enter the workforce.

On December 17, 1941, Robert Bradford and his twin brother *James* celebrated their eighteenth birthday and soon afterwards, they simultaneously joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and became pilots. While Jim served as an instructor and staff pilot in Western Canada, Robert became a staff pilot with the Royal Air Force, stationed on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. Seriously injured in 1944 in a flying accident that killed his navigator, Robert recovered to flight status and was flying from the Isle of Man when World War II ended. He retired with the rank of Flight Lieutenant in late 1945.

Upon returning to Toronto following the end of WWII, Bob rejoined the Easybuilt Model Aeroplane Company where he designed and built rubber powered balsawood miniature aircraft, dear to the memories of many youngsters worldwide who experimented with them for the next decade. In 1949, he became an illustrator for the A.V. Roe Company in Malton, Ontario. At that time, the Company was working on the Avro Jetliner, an aircraft that, although it was ahead of its time, was doomed because of a lack of government support.

With the cancellation of the Jetliner, Bob Bradford was disappointed and moved to de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. where, in three years, he became chief illustrator. By 1966, he had become assistant to the founding curator (the late Ken Molson) of the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa.

When Molson retired in 1967, Bradford was made curator of Canada’s priceless aircraft collection which was bleakly housed in shabby, 1940 wooden hangers that were designed to last ten years. He immediately set about securing permanent, fireproof housing for the irreplaceable fleet. As acting director at the National Museum of Science and Technology in 1982, Bradford initiated a drive for national recognition of this priceless collection. He was backed enthusiastically by the National Air Museum Society, a group with many influential members including WHVS alumnus, Bill Paris CM.

By 1984, Bradford had obtained such strong support that he was able to persuade the government of the day to design and build a state of the art museum at Ottawa’s Rockcliffe Airport. It was completed and opened in 1988.

For 22 years (1967-1989), Bob Bradford oversaw both the restoration of flying machines and the selective acquisition of other aircraft identified with Canada’s proud aviation heritage. Throughout this time, this aviation artist continued to render paintings that captured aviation events of historic significance. His captivating work has a huge following and, today, Bradford’s paintings are loved by an expanding international audience.

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<sup>1</sup> Group Captain of the RCAF (retired)

Robert Bradford's painting of the June Bug is a showcase mural, about 46 ft. long, on permanent display at The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, Hammondsport, New York. Rendered in 1990, and based on a well-known photograph, Bradford's momentous image depicts Glenn Curtiss in flight in 1908 at Stony Brook Farm in western New York State. This view captures for posterity the first officially observed North American flight of over one kilometer in one direction.

Bradford admits that a certain Jekyll-and-Hyde complex pervades his work: his Dr. Jekyll is the historically accurate portrayer of finely detailed aircraft and flying events ("They are so real, you can hear the engine", is a frequent comment). On the other hand, Mr. Hyde is the persona revealed in his more subjective and contemplative presentations of nature and, typically of man-made structures in natural settings that were painted "on the spot" in a few hours.

In 1969, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the transatlantic flight of Alcock and Brown, Bradford was asked to create the art for a Canada Post commemorative postage stamp. Later, Canada Post Corporation presented a series of 16 stamps, each featuring Bradford treatments of Canadian-built aircraft. Four stamps were issued for each of the years from 1979 to 1982. Such recognition made Bradford world famous.

Robert William Bradford has been honoured with two major international awards. In 1974, he was the first Canadian presented with the Artists Award of the American Aviation Historical Society and in 1981, received France's Federation Aeronautique Internationale Paul Tissander Award for Artistic and Curatorial Accomplishment in Aviation. A retrospective of his work was mounted in 1995 at the Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, New York.

Robert Bradford was named patron of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society in 1988. The following year, he was made a member of the Order of Canada and in 1996 was inducted at Wetaskawin, Alberta, as an esteemed member of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.

Bob Bradford and his first wife (who passed away in 1999) have two daughters, a son and four grandchildren. His second wife, **Rosemary**, was in Elwy Yost's class at WCVS in the early 1940s

The Bradfords reside today in Toronto where Robert, one of the world's most respected aviation artists, continues his life's work, albeit at a reduced pace.

### **Reverend Don Meredith**

Don Meredith came to Canada in 1976 at the age of 12 from his birthplace, the parish of St. Ann, Jamaica. After graduating from WCI in the early 1980s, he attended several post-secondary institutions including the California State Christian University where he earned a Masters Degree in theology. Following his return to the Greater Toronto Area, he has become a high profile and strong leader in the Black Community where he has volunteered his services to several groups including:

- The Black Community Consultative Committee
- The York Region Police Chief's Advisory Committee
- Toronto Police Chief's Advisory Service
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Consultative Committee
- The B'Nai Brith Special Advisory Council to the League of Human Rights

On December 20, 2010, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the appointment of Reverend Meredith to the Canadian Senate.

## DECade NEWS

### The 1920s

*by June (Anderson) & Douglas Musselwhite*

We think that **Evelyn Ackrow** may be Weston Collegiate's oldest living graduate at 98. Do you know any older alumna or alumnus?

On Thursday, July 11, 1912 on the family's 100 acre farm on Highway 27 where Humber College now stands, Sarah Evelyn Ackrow was born. She started her schooling at nearby Highfield Public School which was at the south-east corner of Highway 27 and Rexdale Blvd. Then in 1918, her father, John Ackrow, sold the farm and moved the family into Weston where he became a house builder. One of the houses Mr. Ackrow built was at #12 Fern Avenue where his family lived for many years. After his wife died, their only child, nine year old Evelyn was raised largely by her father's maiden sister. Evelyn continued her education at King Street Public School and then Weston High and Vocational School from which she graduated in 1930. She then attended a business college in Toronto.

Evelyn's father established a real estate and insurance business in the old Bank of Nova Scotia building at Main and Dufferin (now Weston Rd. and Lawrence Ave.) which later moved north on Weston Rd. next door to Squibbs Stationery. Following her father's death, his brother Herb took over the business. Later the firm became Ackrow and Wells when Herb Ackrow's son-in-law, Laurie Wells, joined the business in 1946. Evelyn joined this family business after finishing her schooling and worked there until she retired in 1976.

For many years Evelyn remained in the family home on Fern Ave. where her long time neighbours included the Bannerman, Heslop and Taylor families. Before Evelyn moved, in 2000, to the seniors' residence, Weston Gardens (formerly Central Park Lodge) on Queens Dr. she had lived for a number of years in an apartment at Weston Rd. and Lawrence Ave.

Evelyn is a life-long member of Central United Church, Weston, an avid bridge and euchre player and after her retirement she travelled widely, including trips to Florida and Hawaii.

Although she uses a walker to get around, Evelyn is in fairly good health and is looking forward to celebrating her 100th birthday in the summer of 2012.

### The 1930s

*by Orlando Martini*

We're pleased to report that **Helen (Eagle) Abrahams**, who turned 92 on February 18, 2011, continues to enjoy good health. A long-time resident of King City, Helen again passed her driving test this year but decided not to renew the lease on her car because traffic on her road (Keele Street) is now "horrendous" and leasing and operating costs continue to escalate. She continues to spend many leisure hours at the local Seniors' Centre in King City where she carpet-bowls weekly as well as participating in several other social functions. For example, early in May 2011, the Centre organized a bus tour to the Mennonite Market in St Jacobs. Later in May, Helen hosted her daughter, who lives in London, Ontario and her son who lives in Vancouver. Both were in King City for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of their alma mater, King City High School, on May 14, 2011.

Early in June 2011, **Fred Worthington** moved to a retirement home in Walkerton, Ontario – about six weeks before his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday (July 14<sup>th</sup>). He and his wife had lived in Walkerton from 1943 until 1956 while he was still a Railway employee and he commented that the rent on their apartment in 1943 was \$8 per month. (Fred has an amazing memory for dates and events). His health is quite good but he needs a cane if he walks any distance. Although Fred is now amongst strangers in Walkerton, his youngest daughter and her husband live nearby in Paisley which is a 15 minute drive north of Walkerton.

### The 1940s

*by Orlando Martini*

After graduating from WCVS in 1949, **Allan Headon** completed the Electronics Program offered by Ryerson and then worked for Ontario Hydro's Research Division for over forty years in the field of corrosion control. Since retiring from Hydro, he has worked as a consultant to CIDA (a three-month assignment in Tanzania), Manitoba Hydro and the firm, GI Russell, Corrosion Consultants of Burlington. Earlier this year, Allan received The Distinguished Service Award from NACE International and was made a Life Member (NACE equals National Association of Corrosion Engineers). He continues to serve the Toronto Section of NACE International.

### The Late 1940s and Early 50s

*by Orlando Martini*

After graduating from WCVS in 1952, **Wesley Turner** earned a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from the University of Toronto (U.of T.) with a history major. He then taught high school for seven years (Burnhamthorpe Collegiate, York Memorial and the new Woodbridge Collegiate) and earned a Masters Degree from the U. of T. via the night-school route. Next Wesley earned a PhD from Duke University (Durham N.C.) and for the next thirty plus years taught history at Brock University in St. Catharines Ontario (1967-1998).

This month (June 2011), Dundurn will publish Wesley's latest book, a biography titled "The Astonishing General. The Life and Legacy of Sir Isaac Brock." This book is being published in time for the bicentennial of the War of 1812 in which Brock lost his life defending the Queenston Heights.

The Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation is eternally indebted to Dr. Turner for serving as Editor-In-Chief of the Commemorative Book that the Foundation published for Weston Collegiate's sesquicentennial in 2007. Wesley and his wife, **Diane Parsons**, (she's also a WCVS alumna) have three children and four granddaughters.

**Alumnae of the late 1940s & 1950s** – In 1997, **Louise (Lawson) Bochna, Pat (Desmond) Sibley** and the late **Evelyn Smith** organized a reunion for several of their WCVS colleagues and classmates and that group has met once per year ever since. Over the years, the group has grown in numbers as other colleagues, older sisters, etc. attended recent reunions.

The September 13, 2010 reunion took place in Markdale, Ontario at the home of **Barbara (Lynd) MacDonald** with nearly thirty ladies in attendance. Most of these ladies appear in the photo on Page 9.



Photo taken by Wanda (Anniss) Stevenson

**Front Row L to R (seated)** Barbara (Lynd) MacDonald (host), Barb (Banks) Wright, Lorraine (Kersey) Hilliard, June (Hamilton) Evans, Audrey (Grimolby) Miller, Ines (Martini) Chard

**Middle Row L to R** Lois (Williams) Livingston, Gail (Smith) Stephenson, Joan Garratt, Loretta (Curtis) Meltz, Anne (Fieldhouse) Price, Pat (Desmond) Sibley, Ann Whitmore, Doreen (Desmond) Coulter, Dana (Dobson) Winder (standing).

**Back Row L to R** Joan (Wood) Crawford, Nancy (McCutcheon) Gogo, Josephine (Weatherill) Tweddle, Louise (Lawson) Bochna, Ivy (Garratt) Fenton, Doreen (Brayshaw) Batterby, Pat (Tavender Ross) Evans, Elenor (Kotyck) Reil, Pat (McGuire) Niepage, Shirley (Usher) Gilbert.

### The 1950s & Early 1960s

**by June (Anderson) & Douglas Musselwhite**

**The One Way Club** - A number of WCI grads from the late 50's and early 60's are members of a social group called The One Way Club, which had its origins at Central United Church around 1960. The church had a group for teens called the Young Peoples' Union (YPU) which met on Sunday evenings for discussions. The YPU also had a monthly party.

As its members grew older, went off to university and/or jobs and moved further away it became harder to attract people to the Sunday meetings. However, the members wanted to keep together socially, so the monthly Saturday evening party became the focal point. As the group evolved, the name was changed to The One Way Club for some obscure reason.

Over the years some members passed on or moved away or just withdrew but other people joined. Since everyone eventually married, the group became a couples club. In June 2010, twenty-one of our twenty-four current members went to Stratford for two days to see shows and to wine and dine. We were celebrating fifty years as a social group. Some of us have attended over five hundred parties during this time.

The current members who attended WCI (WCVS) are **Gloria (Powell) and Evan Bickerton, Barbara (Holley) and Ken Koehler, Ted Koehler, June (Anderson) and Doug Musselwhite, Bill Sinclair, Doug Storey, Ray Styles, Doug Tindall, and Paul Williams**. We are now into our second half century and the monthly parties continue to be well attended and good fun.

**The 1960s***by Orlando Martini*

**Judy (Rhodes) LaFortune** grew up in the Humber Heights area of Etobicoke and was a student at Weston Collegiate in the early 1960s (1961-1965). She married in 1999 and one year later, her husband lost his job with B.C. Rail Communications after 31 years of service. They then sold their newly-built dream home and retired (both in their early 50s) with no company pension to the mill-town of Powell River B.C. where they still reside. Power River is about 150 km northwest of Vancouver by Ferry.

On October 20, 2010, Judy informed your Editor that B.C Global TV News had just reported that **Carole (Goss) Taylor O.C.** was the current Chancellor of Simon Fraser University. Carole, a 1964 graduate of WCVS, is arguably the most famous and most accomplished graduate of Weston Collegiate during the past 50 years.

**The 1970s***by Warren Giovanni, Fulvio Sansone,  
Carol Latime & Kim Marshall*

By the time you read this **Ted Holden** will be a grandfather. Yes, he is not too young for that. Ted and his brother **Martin** are running a very successful electrical business in the Weston area.

**Warren Giovaninni** is happily involved but living solo in Etobicoke as the kids have moved out. Pool parties are unforgettable.

**Rick Giovannini** is a postie driving the mail daily and living in Weston with mother.

**Mike Swirla** is selling a lot of fish through his company “Culinary Delights.” He travels regularly to Asia to source products; we think he has a second home there.

**Tim Clark** alias “Chicken George” has been with Pintys for 24 years selling chicken.

**Rick Thompson** VP of a pool company in Burlington.

**Andy Vince** is North American sales manager for SCA which sells paper.

**Heather** and **Alvin Fabris** celebrated 30 years of marriage. Go figure. Doing extremely well, living in Woodbridge.

**Mark Armstrong** is living in Weston. He is working at Hewlett Packard in their fleet department. He has one son and one daughter.

**Wayne Webb and Jeanette Russell** are living in Newmarket with their two boys named Tate and Dallas.

**Joe Zeagman** married **Janet Roden** and is living in Newmarket. He is a manager at the Ministry of Transportation and throws a great golf tournament every September for the cancer unit at South Lake Hospital. Consider yourself invited to participate.

**John Martini**, after graduating from university, John Martini played professional football in the CFL for five years (1977-1982), first for the Hamilton Tiger Cats, then the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and finally, with the Toronto Argonauts. Since 1984, John has been a teacher at Pickering High School where he rose to the position of Head of Phys. Education for several years. He relinquished that Headship a few years ago.

**Debbie Barton** is a breast cancer survivor living in Etobicoke and working for the City of Toronto.

**Frank Squizzatto** married **Denise Santarossa**. They live in Weston with their two girls.

**Lloyd Bennett** is married to **Linda Cosarini**. They have three girls and he is working for Ontario Hydro in Kincardine.

**Carla Miller** (nee Parsons), is the proud mother of **Leah Miller** who is host of “So You Think You Can Dance Canada”.

**David Lockett**, who married **Denise Parson**, created and runs the PACT Programme for wayward teens.

**Mike Serio** married **Tracey Di Battista** and is VP of Panettone which is the second largest real estate developer in North America.

**Dave Brennan** is living in Oakville working for Aecon. He is married to Debbie. They have two boys. Dave is coaching hockey.

**Steve Meeks** is living in Georgetown and works in the heating and air conditioning business. He is married and has children.

#### **Some folks living far away from “home”**

**Chris Alexander** went out west 25 years ago. Still out there with lovely wife Wendy and two children.

**Cindy Fassioni** of Phoenix Arizona, was recently in town visiting her sister Debbie for the winter.

**Nancy MacEachern** moved from Banff to Victoria after 30 years. She has travelled the world several times, often for a couple of years at a time.

#### **Some retirements (yes they are not too young to be retired)**

**Danny Morrow** has retired from the police.

**Brian Harris** has retired from Air Canada.

**Gerry Kelly** has retired from Air Canada.

**Craig Adams** is still at Air Canada running the show!

#### **Finally a few sad notes.**

**Danny Walker** died a couple of years ago (December 2008). Now playing hockey in heaven.

**Gord McGrail** passed away on March 2011. Our thoughts are with his family.

**Malcolm Ault** died in January 2011. Another member of the hockey heaven team.

**Bill Duncan**, a Kitchener fire-fighter died on March 25, 2011.

## **The 2000s**

**by Orlando Martini**

**Jennifer Eversley**, a 2010 Civil Engineering graduate (U. of T.) recently joined the firm, Giffen Koerth, forensic engineering consultants of Toronto. Jennifer received the Foundation’s Award in 2005.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM WESTON COLLEGIATE ALUMNI IN 2010

The Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation (WCAF) gratefully acknowledges receipt of charitable donations in 2010 from the alumni listed hereunder. Persons have been listed in the order in which donations were received. The WCAF respects the privacy of all donors and alumni. We do NOT rent, sell or trade our mailing lists.

Name of Donor	Residence	Donation In Memory of	Name of Donor	Residence
Robert Ewen	Toronto, ON	-	Eleanor (Risebrough) Fry	King City, ON
Orlando Martini	Toronto, ON	Rev. Craig Cribar	Barton Russell	Markdale, ON
Orlando Martini	Toronto, ON	Ann (Broughton) Eyres	Melvina ("Viney") (Middelbrook) Deakins	Owen Sound, ON
Byron B. Victor Tweedy	Sooke, BC	-	Barbara (Coon) Thompson	Brampton, ON
Yvonne (Wright) Brown	Wyevale, ON	-	Gail (Morgan) Wallace	Victoria, BC
Robert Heath	Toronto, ON	-	Richard & Shirley (McCutcheon) White	Milford, Ont.
Peter Fritsch	Toronto, ON	-	Emily (Marusinec) Tischler	Woodbridge, Ont.
Sheilah (Semple) Rogers	New Hamburg, ON	Ann (Broughton) Eyres	Mary (Marusinec) Gruspier	Schomberg, Ont.
Orlando Martini	Toronto, ON	Bill ("Louie") Reil	Rudy & Audrey (Grimoldby) Miller	Woodbridge, Ont.
Chuck & Joan (Pender) Wardrobe	Alliston, ON	Bill ("Louie") Reil	Bruce & Gail (Vineham) Foden	Parksville, BC
Allan Headon	Mississauga, ON	-	Douglas & June (Anderson) Musselwhite	Etobicoke, Ont.
Jean (Allen) Macdonell	Toronto, ON	-	Tom McConnell	Toronto, Ont.
Beverley Eddy	Nanton, AB	-	Anne Dale	North York, Ont.
			Helen (Eagle) Abrahams	King City, Ont.
			Helen (Lawrence) Lee	Weston, Ont.

## IN MEMORIAM

Since publication of the last alumni Newsletter in June 2010, the Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation has been informed of the passing of the alumnae/alumni/staff listed below. Heartfelt condolences are extended to the families and friends of the deceased. Please let us know if we have missed anyone.

Era	Name	Residence	Date
50s	Evelen (Hayhoe) Hunter	Woodbridge, Ont.	Feb 5/10
20s/30s	Doris (Bolton) Moon	London, Ont.	April 18/10
50s	Cecil "Cec" Attwell	Barrie, Ont.	June 23/10
40s	Ruth (McArthur) Leavens	Aurora, Ont.	July 2/10
Staff-40s/50s	Fred R. Branscombe	Toronto, Ont.	July 13/10
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